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Elk Point supports school board regionalization

Well in excess of 60 Elk Point and district residents attending last Thursday's information meeting on school board regionalization voted unanimously in support of the concept, after gaining an insight into the planning process and having their questions answered by a knowledgeable panel of school board members and administrators.

County of St. Paul School Board Chairman Ray Danyluk said the Board knew last December that regionalization was coming, and started on a round of meetings with surrounding boards. In mid-January, a meeting of the Alberta School Board Association "talked about regionalization as a real thing," two days before the announcement of Premier Ralph Klein's three-year plan to reduce 140 school boards to 60 and hand over authority back to the school level.

Education Minister Halvar Jonson then announced further details on grant cuts, which the Board subsequently met to discuss. At that time, the Board decided they were "in a vulnerable position," Danyluk said, with only 1800 students in their jurisdiction as compared to the 2500 to 3500 which had been suggested for a regional board. With the addition of Glen Avon, St. Paul School District 2228 and Regional High School, the total would increase to 3381 students, and joining with these groups appeared to be in the best interest of the County.

The County then met with the other three boards, and agreed to explore regionalization. They later looked at the possibility of including fringe areas such as the northern portion of the County of Two Hills and the southern tip of Improvement District 18. At that time, Danyluk said, they were unsure of the Minister's reaction to the proposed region, which was smaller in size than he had suggested and which included both separate and public schools.

County representatives attended other meetings in Smoky Lake and Vegreville, as well as the Zone 2 meeting of school trustees, where the Minister met with representatives of the four boards to discuss the feasibility of the proposed region.

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New health region at working document stage

The East Rural Health Region announced Friday that they have submitted a working document to the Health Plan Coordination Project Task Force chaired by Dr. Norm Wagner and Ralph Oberg.

Members of the East Rural Health Region include Elk Point General and Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District, Islay Municipal Hospital District, Mannville General and Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District, Minburn - Vermilion Health Unit, Myrnam Municipal Hospital District, Vermilion Gen-

eral and Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District, and Wainwright General and Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District.

"This is a working document which we expect will change and evolve as the regionalization process moves forward. The document outlines our vision for health services in the region. We hope that our plan will be given serious consideration by the Minister of Health and the Health Plan Coordination Project Task Force," said Ken

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SCOUTING'S BEST BAKERS - Auctioneer Walter Skolarchuk poses with the prizewinning cakes at last Wednesday's Elk Point Scouting Association Family Banquet. From left to right are Cubs winner Jennifer Flanders, Austin Jurak with cousin Aaron Jurak's winning Beaver entry, and Scouts winner Casper Zarowny. All three winners portrayed the International Year of the Family theme. More about the banquet on Pages 6 and 7.

Town supports FCSS

Elk Point Town Council gave a major portion of last Tuesday's meeting to the discussion of the important role Family and Community Support Services plays in the community.

Mayor Ed Buck explained the proposal that had been put forth by the government to incorporate FCSS funding into municipal grants, without any assurance that any council would use the funding for its original purpose. Elk Point Community Services Board has written to Minister of Family and Social Services Mike Cardinal asking that he reconsider this move and leave the mandate of FCSS and the FCSS Act in place to ensure that this funding is used for its original purposes.

Mayor Buck said he had discussed the matter with Community Services Director

Terri Ehlert, and had asked her to look at various scenarios for keeping FCSS alive in Elk Point. While he was unsure of the kind of grants and the amount of funding the Town will receive, Buck expressed a hope that "we can make FCSS survive."

Elk Point received approximately \$44,000 in FCSS funding from the government last year, and added \$11,000 from their own coffers.

One strategy for survival might be to turn recreation over to volunteers, and go back to the FCSS Department concept after reviewing "what FCSS is all about," Buck said. He said there was a real need for the programming, because "it is a preventative social service that, if we don't have it, the funding would have to go toward cures."

Not all of Council was so sure. Councillor Bill Schuhmacher was on the original FCSS Board, "and the thought then was that we would just set it up and volunteers would run it." Both he and Councillor Mae Hendrickson said they had raised families without benefits of the type of programs FCSS provides. Councillor Dan Povaschuk felt that "raising a family has to be done at home," and is willing to forgo luxuries to make that happen.

CS Director Terri Ehlert was on hand for the meeting, and told Council that the preventive programs are easy to justify in today's world where statistics of family violence are climbing and families are eager to learn parenting skills. She added that the children's programs, such as

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Elk Point supports school board regionalization

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A public meeting in Mallaig on February 14 brought out 230 residents, and although some residents of the area had wanted to join the Lakeland Catholic School Division, unanimous support was given to the possibility of amalgamation with the three St. Paul districts.

A proposal for amalgamation was then derived, and on February 16, representatives of the four boards, their superintendents, MLA Paul Langevin, MLA Ed Stelmach and the director of the Alberta School Trustees met with the Minister. Danyluk said the Minister "was favorably disposed," but wanted time to reflect on the proposal, and asked what the communities in the area felt. Plans were then set underway for public meetings in Elk Point, St. Paul and Heinsburg. (Editor's Note: The minister has since granted approval in principle.)

Deputy Superintendent Carmen Brodziak read the proposal which had been submitted, which stated "the unanimous will of 24 elected trustees... to share services... across the lines of and re-

specting religious and ethnic differences." It listed principles of increased educational services, staffing flexibility, increased accountability and cooperation with the existing communities, as well as a more efficient transportation system, less bureaucracy and the retention of cultural, language and religious identities. The proposal also outlined the distribution of board members, with one from the Glen Avon ward, two from St. Paul 2228, one from the town of Elk Point and three from the County, to be elected on a ward system. The four participating boards requested approval in principle so they could proceed with development of an agreement.

Superintendent of Schools Ted Cabaj gave an outline of the numerous grant cuts which have already taken place and those which are coming in the future, and noted that with the province taking over the distribution of tax money, per capita grants "will follow the student" to whatever school he or she attends.

Town of Elk Point trustee Ed Buck emphasised the importance of "looking at this as

creating something new - a new board with new ideas." One problem is the urgency of time, and Buck would like to see everything in place for the new region to start August 31 of this year. He feels the steering committee has taken a positive approach, and has thrown the ball back into the government's court, from which "the end result will be their decision."

Division 1 school trustee Bob Smith said the County could have met the government's budget cuts and operated as usual, with cooperation from the ratepayers, "but Ralph told us we had to regionalize. We are regionalizing and making cuts be-

cause we have to."

Buck complimented Cabaj and Brodziak, "who may be working themselves out of a job," on their hard work on the proposal. Brodziak, in re-

turn, said "your board has tried so hard, and are so far ahead. We're making history here, joining Catholics, Protestants and the County system."

Town supports FCSS programs

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Parent Nursery and Playschool, give relief to parents. Some families don't have the option for one parent to stay home with their children rather than working out of the home.

"We are working very hard to establish strong families, and through them, a strong community," she noted. A five-year plan has been developed with community input to meet the community's needs.

Parenting is only one facet of Community Services. Seniors benefit from Meals on Wheels, information on estate planning, and health information. There are also programs of interest to teens, such as babysitting classes and sessions on dating violence. CS also takes part in the Interagency Committee which is helping community groups to

start working together.

Programs such as Playschool are becoming self supporting. Playschool parents have formed a society and are raising money toward that end. They already raise the bulk of the money involved in the program. This is helping Community Services "to do more and more with less and less," Ms Ehlert said. "We are cutting back, but it does take time."

Councillor Vern King expressed hope that, if FCSS funding were incorporated into municipal grants, the Town would earmark these funds to keep the FCSS programs going.

"There may have to be cut-backs, and we may have to give recreation back to the volunteers, but we are looking at various scenarios to keep [the FCSS programs] alive," Mayor Buck said.

Hospital region

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Noster, Chairman of the East Rural Health Region.

"Member facilities and agencies in the region spent considerable time and effort pulling together this document. The document represents far more than a plan. It represents a cooperative venture between the communities in our region." (More on the Region - Page 8)

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IT'S A BOY!

Brian and Lynn Proskiwi are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy born on Family Day, February 21. His name is Mark David Proskiwi, a new brother for Curtis, Tyson and Jason. We figure that between parents and children, they will have a complete infield team for future baseball seasons. Congratulations!

BOUQUETS

A big thank you to the Elk Point Lioness for sponsoring free Family Day Skating. There was a great turnout and fun was had by all. Bouquets to the Lioness for once again making this Family Day event possible.

HALF PRICE FAMILY SWIM PASSES AVAILABLE

We have received complimentary half price Family Swim Passes for the Bonnyville Swimming Pool. These passes are for weekend use only. Limited passes are available at Community Services on a first come first serve basis.

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Learning through play

Play helps your child to

learn about himself and the world around him. He discovers how to solve problems. He learns self-control, cooperation, confidence. He masters new skills and expresses himself creatively.

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It's a pity that most of us stop playing when we grow up. Play is good for us.

Different kinds of play

Play is learning by pretending to be mommy or daddy, doctor or nurse, teacher, postman, policeman. At times this play-acting also expresses anger, fear, pleasure and so on. It's a healthy outlet.

Play can be creative as well. But to encourage self-expression, your child must have praise and recognition. Be interested!

A child needs playmates

By playing with others, he begins to discover his own strengths and weaknesses. He develops feelings of belonging and importance. Usually each child in a group is good at some activity. Each can enjoy being a leader sometimes.

Play with other children can be arranged with neighbors, in park programs, play groups, etc. Visit the program yourself. Talk with the group leaders. See if you find it a safe and happy place.

Plan your child's play activities

Try to develop a pattern of daily activity: time for social and solitary play, reading,

studying, helping around the home, special projects such as music lessons or pets. As they grow older, they can join in the planning.

It helps if you have both outdoor and indoor space for play, with a permanent corner that's all theirs for projects, games and books. If their boundaries of time and space are well thought out and discussed with them, their life and yours will run more smoothly.

It often helps if parents of children who play together a great deal can set common guidelines. A bed-time of 7:30 p.m. in one house and 9:00 p.m. next door can lead to chaos.

Never under-estimate the value of play. Encourage it. Look into the programs of toy lending libraries, 'Y' programs, day-care centres, social agencies, nursery school associations, etc.

Play has an important place in developing the character traits and personality that your child will carry through life.

For more information about Jack and Jill Playschool and

how we learn through play, call 724-3800.

RURALIZE '94

Ruralize '94 is a one-day conference designed for rural volunteers. It will take place at the Regional High School in St. Paul on April 7. Rural volunteers have different needs and the sessions and speakers will reflect these needs. Sessions include: Recognizing Skills and Abilities and Volunteering as Aspects of Career Planning; Recruiting, Maintaining and Motivating Volunteers; Insurance and Liability Issues; Board / Staff / Volunteer Relations; Volunteer Burnout; and 1 1/2 or the Synergetics of Volunteering. The keynote is Dr. John Paterson. Dr. Paterson

is probably best known as one of the co-hosts of CJCA's "That's Living" that ran for 9 years. Presently he is an Associate Dean at the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta. Registration is \$25.00 and pamphlets / registration forms are now available.

Community Services will be sponsoring four individuals from Elk Point to attend Ruralize '94 (on a first come first serve basis). Anyone interested in attending can call Community Services at 724-3800.

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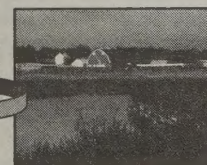
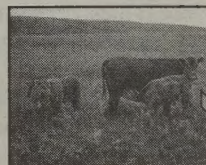
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— Alberta rancher, Bob Drury

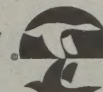


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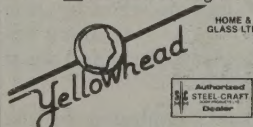
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Letter to the Editor

In praise of managers

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago I had the unfortunate experience of dealing with the rude and unprofessional people from three different organizations in a 24 hour period. I am writing about this because the effects of such experiences can be negative or positive, depending on how a person reacts. Many people don't feel comfortable standing up for what they know is right and should be different. And yet, when a person does make a complaint to the management of an organization, the effects can be beneficial for the organization and satisfying for the "complainant."

The problem is, when someone is treated unfairly, the natural reaction is anger, a feeling often difficult to direct appropriately. I was angry when someone hung up on me, when I was made to feel that an essential services was not accessible to me, and when a third person was rude and offensive.

I could have done nothing, as I have in the past, guaranteeing that nothing would change and undermining the organizations by complaining to everyone else who shared

similar complaints. But I chose to take my concerns to the management, difficult as I found it, low on energy and not confident I would gain anything.

I phoned the managers in the three organizations. In two out of the three cases, I got support, consideration and action. The managers were almost as upset (or at least as shocked) as I was. They were most appreciative that I involved them. It was clear that they had very high standards and they wanted to ensure that these standards were carried out in the organizations they managed.

In the third case, I got acknowledgement but not the apology I requested. The organization stated that the behavior was not acceptable. Mr. —, you still have an opportunity to follow up on this matter.

In any case, my very profound anger was transformed to respect and satisfaction because there are managers who sincerely care and want to make the places they work better. Thank you, Colleen Simon and United Van Lines.

Bridget Montgomery

Our Past

By Steve Andrishak

When buffalo roamed



A good many years before our settlers came west, our country was overrun with thousands of buffalo. They were closely followed by Indian tribes who depended on them for their meat supplies and their hides, which were tanned and made into clothing. Buffalo hides were also used in the construction of their wigwams and tipis, as well as for making robes which helped them keep warm during the cold winter months.

During the early days, the Indians were always on the move, not far away from the buffalo herds. They usually camped on a sandy sloped area, near a stream, lake or river so that their water supply was easily obtainable.

Guns, lead shot and gunpowder were available only after the fur trading posts were established during the late 1700s. Prior to this, Indians hunted with bows and arrows as well as with long shafted spears.

The Indians, this far north, had no horses until about 1760. They did their hunting by stalking big game. Horses were first brought to South America during the late 1500s by the Spaniards who invaded Peru and stripped it of millions of dollars in gold and silver taken from Peru's fabulous rich mines. Eventually, horses worked their way northward, but at a very slow pace. During that period, the horse was considered to be a very prized animal, one hard to come by. Indian tribes often fought each other, raiding each other's camps and running off with whatever horses they were able to

round up. The Blackfoot Indians and the Crees were natural enemies and were constantly at war with one another.

Once the Indians were able to trade their beaver pelts for guns and supplies, their methods of hunting big game changed somewhat. They no longer had to depend on their bows and arrows. Once they acquired guns and horses, the hunting of buffalo became somewhat more simplified. Many buffalo were killed by driving them over a sudden drop off, known as a buffalo pound. Wearing wolf skins and buffalo robes for disguise purposes, they managed to split large herds into smaller units, and with hunters on both sides, they slowly drove the herd in the direction of their buffalo pound. As they approached the pound, the herd was stampeded and as it neared the drop off, one buffalo would topple the other into an enclosed corral where it could not escape. The 10 or 15 foot drop off injured some buffalo and killed others. Those remaining were then shot with guns or bows and arrows. Another method used by the Indians when hunting buffalo was to ride along the side of a large herd and shoot them down.

At the completion of the hunt, the dead animals had to be skinned, this was usually done by the male hunters. The Indian women were highly skilled in tanning hides, using stone and bone scrapers. Much of the meat was dried, mixed with ground corn and berries and made into pemmican, and by wrapping small bundles with deer hide, they

were able to preserve their meat for long periods of time. The Indian women made clothing with the tanned leather by sewing the pieces together with sinews taken from animals and threaded into a bone awl (needle).

For hundreds of years, buffalo herds were plentiful throughout the west. Their numbers started to decline about 1860 and by 1880, the buffalo had almost completely disappeared. With the coming of the white settlers, who settled on the Indians' domain, and with the meat supply no longer available, the Indians soon found it difficult to survive. With the Canadian government's unsympathetic attitude toward the Indians and Metis problems in western Canada, much unrest was created among these people. This unrest no doubt contributed to the Indian and Metis uprisings such as the Frog Lake Massacre and the North West Rebellion.

Today, buffalo no longer roam the Canadian west. They are only seen in national parks or in privately owned herds.

The remains of the vast buffalo herds of the past were visible during the early days of settlement, when millions of buffalo bones surfaced with the breaking of new farm land. At one time, thousands of buffalo bones were piled near a railway siding and then hauled away to be used in making fertilizer.

The buffalo herds came close to being completely destroyed - only strong measures by both the Canadian and United States governments saved them from becoming extinct.

The family forum

Jim MacLellan

I was intrigued to listen to the Budget announcement by Finance Minister Paul Martin on February 22, 1994. Ironically, the budget "came down" one day after Alberta's Family Day. Now, this column is not a political column, per se. I am not taking sides on the budget, except to note Martin's emphasis on creating the opportunities and climate for "small business" to grow. The *Family Business Review*, (March 1988) stated that "the family is the predominant form of business organization in the western world." Do you know that 80 to 85 percent of the national wealth in 1991 was generated by FAMILY owned, controlled, produced businesses?

This fact is grossly ignored by politicians, generally. The

"goose" that is laying the "golden eggs" in Canada is predominantly the family - **owned business!** The facts bear out - nearly 50 percent of Canada's GNP comes from "family businesses." Now, is it not time to care for the "goose?" The Toronto Star reported in February 24, 1992 that the 130,000 home-based workers in British Columbia alone generate \$1.2 billion in revenues, annually.

A society that really recognized this should certainly seek to protect these hard-working, risk-taking entrepreneurs. Parents should be honored and respected. Children should be protected, taught and valued. Have our current fiscal, federal policies enhanced the climate of Canada's Number One small business - the family? What do you think?



From the Forts

By Karen Doyle

Fort George/Buckingham House Interpretive centre preparing for our third summer season

Fort George Buckingham House Interpretive Centre is preparing for 1994.

The major NEW exhibit at the Centre is "The Third Dimension - From Sea Level to the Stars" - a mapping and surveying exhibit featuring the Amer-Indian maps used by explorers Peter Fidler and David Thompson. The exhibit will then travel through one hundred years of time to the Dominion Land Survey and the 1885 Rebellion.

In keeping with the fur trade family reunions held at Fort George Buckingham House in 1992 and 1993, the Centre is hosting a Gathering of the Clans on July 30 and 31. The descendants of Duncan and William McGillivray will be meeting for two days of Metis / Highland fun and games.

The Canadian Women Army Corps (C.W.A.C.) reunion in Vermilion will attract many visitors and the Centre is planning a special day in their honor.

Rendezvous 1994 - featuring displays and demonstrations of autumn fur trade celebrations will be held at the site on September 10, 1994.

All of the activities at the Centre carry the "Year of the Family" theme and we hope your family will join us.

What you can do to help: The Centre is looking for volunteers to assist in promotions, trade shows, hosting visitors on site, food services and traffic control during events. The Centre will provide necessary training and in return our volunteers gain free admission to the site and have an opportunity to be included in the exciting world of heritage preservation and interpretation at one of Alberta's earliest fur trade posts. If you would like to join us for a few hours during the spring and summer and have some fun helping to plan and deliver these exciting programs, please call Karen Doyle at (403) 724-2612 or Billie Milholland at (403) 724-2799.

The Centre is anticipating positions for summer employment at the Centre. Individuals interested in working at the Centre during its summer operation are invited to submit applications and/or resumes before March 31, 1994.

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An Important Message To Seniors

This year the Alberta government is planning to spend close to \$1 billion on seniors programs. After talking with seniors about better ways to deliver services, we have developed a new benefit plan. This proposed plan takes the views of seniors into account and looks for fair and equitable changes to existing programs.

The planned start date for the program is July 1, 1994, but before that, we want to talk more with you.

Principles of the Proposed Alberta Seniors Benefit

- **Protect low income seniors.**
79,000 low income seniors will receive higher benefits than they do today.
- **Avoid duplication and waste**
by moving towards a "one window" approach to seniors benefits. You will complete only one form, get one cheque (monthly or quarterly), and go to one department for help.
- **Income testing is acceptable but, No means test.**
Benefits will be based on income, not on the value of assets.

Important questions and answers...

What are we changing?

The proposed program brings together the following into one single benefit plan:

- Alberta Assured Income Program
- Property Tax Reduction Program
- Senior Citizen's Renter Assistance Program
- Exemption from Health Care Insurance Premiums
- Extended Health Benefit Plan

Why are we doing this?

- To find new and better ways to deliver services to seniors;
- To make sure benefits go to the people who need them; and
- To reduce the deficit and protect the future for our children and grandchildren.

How can you participate?

- Call the Alberta Seniors Line 1-800-642-3853 to provide your input.
- By reading the detailed information that will be sent to every senior in the next week and then calling or writing us with your views.
- By attending community outreach meetings at local lodges, nursing homes, seniors' centres and other areas.
- Workshops also will be held with representatives from major seniors' organizations.

Talking with seniors.

During meetings and workshops, we'll be asking for your answers to some important questions:

- Will this program meet your needs today and into the future?
- Is there anything missing in the program?
- Are the income thresholds fair?
- What should define "income"?
- And more...

We've been listening. We're still listening. Your opinions count.

With the input of seniors, the new Alberta Seniors Benefit program will be fair... effective... and flexible.

For more information on this program and other changes affecting seniors, call the

Alberta Seniors Line 1-800-642-3853.
In Edmonton call 427-7876

Monday to Friday: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Deaf or hearing impaired
call 1-800-232-7215

Alberta
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

talking with albertans



Scout Week celebrated

Elk Point Scouts, Cubs and Beavers celebrated Scout - B Guide Week 1994 with a well attended Family Banquet last Wednesday at the Elks Hall.

Group Committee Chair Ian Huffman welcomed the families and special guests, and noted that Scout - Guide Week honors Lord Baden Powell, who founded the Scouting movement many years ago. This year, the Elk Point Scouting Association also honored the International Year of the Family at the banquet, "because we need to recognize the family as a fundamental unit of strength... a building block," Huffman said.

Members and leaders of the three age groups which make up the Association entered the hall in an impressive color parade, prior to the singing of O Canada. Grace by Rev. Sam Donaldson preceded the fine meal.

Rev. Donaldson, the Association's chaplain, was also the guest speaker for the evening, and offered three ideas for strengthening families: maintenance of a loving bond between members, a social emphasis on doing things together as a family, and the addition of a spiritual dimension.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to a number of friends of Scouting, who have helped the group in many ways, from sponsorship to donations of time and money, through the year. Certificates and gifts also went to the leaders for their tireless efforts.

Tim Zarowny gave an update on the all-weather facility being constructed at Scout Hill. The 30 by 30 foot building was put up last fall, and was closed in by the first snowfall. Community support for the project, through donations of cash, materials and

help with construction, has been outstanding, Zarowny said. It was first used two weeks ago for a winter campout. Details such as siding and interior finishing will be completed this spring.

Entertainment was offered by each level of Scouting. The Beavers, along with leaders Gloria Zarowny and Shani Jurak, offered two favorite action songs, with the entire audience joining in. The Cubs, with leaders Glenn Flanders, Bernie Korpan and Jerome Keichinger, offered a Grand Howl, and the Scouts, with leaders Tim Zarowny and Grant Nixon, told about summer camp joys with a rousing song, "Hey Ma, I Wanna Go Home."

District Commissioner Roxanne Ringuette commended the Association for "the growing spirit of Scouting in the community and in these families." She could not resist leading yet another action



APPRECIATION - Certificates were presented to Lena Stepa of the OORP and Murry Neilsen of Shamrock Valley Enterprises.

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song, this one assisted by Rudy Kozicky and Murry Neilsen, about a "Chicken."

An array of handsomely decorated cakes were judged by Lawrence Modin, Cst. Dave Kilby and Ms Ringuette, with Aaron Jurak's cake topping the Beaver division, Jennifer Flanders winning the Cubs section and Casper Zarowny having the most handsome cake in the Scout section. Casper's cake was the high seller of the evening, going for \$145 to Shamrock Valley Enterprises, after some very spirited bidding in the auction conducted by the one and only Walter Skolarchuk. Over \$1600 was raised by the auction, toward future Scouting projects and activities.



BEAVERS EAGER TO ENTERTAIN - Elk Point Beavers and leaders Gloria Zarowny (left) and Shani Jurak entertained with two action songs.

Most awards are about the past, these are about the future.



If you, your business or organization, or someone you know has helped preserve, protect or enhance our environment, recognize these efforts through an EMERALD AWARD nomination.

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- ◆ Personal, Corporate, or Institutional Leadership
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Media
- ◆ Large Business and Institutions
- ◆ Small Business
- ◆ Environmental Products or Services

FOR NOMINATION FORMS CONTACT:

JOAN CURRIE, Project Manager
Alberta Foundation for
Environmental Excellence
600, 12220 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2
Phone: 482-9243 or 1-800-567-9200
Fax: 482-9100

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The Town of Elk Point Notices & Information

PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL 1993

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the said municipality, made under the provisions of the Municipal Taxation Act Chapter M-31, has been prepared and will, for thirty (30) days, be open to inspection at the office of the Municipal Administrator, of the Municipality, during business hours and that any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessed value placed upon any property must, within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, lodge his complaint(s) in writing with the Municipal Administrator of the Municipality.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1994 at Elk Point, Alberta.

J. Curt Svendsen Sr.
Municipal Administrator
Town of Elk Point
Box 448
Elk Point, AB., T0A 1A0
Phone 724-3810.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS CLOSE MARCH 11, 1994

Elks lead series 2 games to 0

Elk Point Elks lead their best-of-7 playoff series against Kitscoty by 2 games to 0, with the third game moved to 8:30 p.m. **TOMORROW** night in Elk Point, with the fourth game Saturday in Kitscoty and the fifth, if necessary, Monday, March 7 in Elk Point.

Elks 13 - Monarchs 4

Five goals and two assists by Cory Laboucane led the Elks to a 13-4 win over Kitscoty Monarchs in the first game of their best-of-seven Sask-Alta playoff series on Tuesday, February 23. Layne Gauchier added another three goals and one assist, while Mike Boratynec, Jon Olson, Kerry Loughran, Greg Desaulniers and Dwayne Karbaszewski scored one apiece.

Craig Brodziak contributed four assists, with Jon Olson, Kelly Harms and Greg Desaulniers adding another three each, Jeff Buck and Tyson Stafford two apiece, and Mike Boratynec, Terry Wozniak, Dwayne Karbaszewski, Murray Scoggins and Kerry Loughran one each.

Marty Villeneuve, with two goals and one assist, led the Monarchs' scoring, with Todd Miller and Eugene Roberge scoring singles. Mike Neidemaier provided 3 assists, with Don King, Todd Miller, Larry Bexson and Daryl Graham adding one each.

Kitscoty was first on the scoreboard, just under 5 minutes into the game, but Elk Point made it 2-1 by the end of the first period, 6-1

after two periods, and 9-1 before Kitscoty staged a brief 3-goal comeback. The Elks added four more in the final 3 minutes and 5 seconds to reach their 13-4 final margin.

Elks 10 - Monarchs 3

Layne Gauchier was top scorer in Saturday's game in Kitscoty, with three goals and two assists. Jon Olson added two goals and two assists, with Cory Laboucane,

Dwayne Karbaszewski, Greg Desaulniers, Kerry Loughran and Jeff Buck each adding a single. Additional assists were provided by Mike Boratynec, Cory Laboucane and Tyson Stafford, with 2 each, and Greg Desaulniers, Terry Wozniak and Kerry Loughran adding singles.

Shawn Benjamin, Todd Miller and Bill Pengelly scored the Kitscoty goals, with Mil-

ler and Darren Brown providing assists.

Elk Point scored two goals in the first 7 minutes, with Kitscoty tying the score in the next 7, The Elks edged ahead by one goal by the end of the period, and led by four after two periods. They added another four, compared to one by the home team, in the final 20 minutes for a final score of 10-3.

Spring events at the show arena

Winter is rapidly turning into spring at the Elk Point Agricultural Society Indoor Show Arena, with a number of exciting activities on the calendar:

March 12 - Winter Barrel Racing Series Jackpot, starts at 1 p.m.

March 26 - FINAL Winter Barrel Racing Jackpot, presentation of year end awards, start time 1 p.m.

April 8 to 10 - Joe Kapelos Stock Dog Clinic, limit of 12 students.

April 16 - SPRING FUN & FURRY HORSE SHOW, sponsored by Tall Horse Saddlery, Edmonton, starts 9 a.m. with 22 classes, western and English, Junior and Senior.

May 14 and 15 - SPRING CLASSIC STAMPEDE, performances at 1 p.m., Lakeland Rodeo Association circuit.

May 17 to June 21 - WESTERN RIDING LESSONS - Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF) Western Riding Program, Level I, 'Riders' I - IV; 1 hour practical riding and 1/2 hour theory instruction per session on caring, handling and riding the western horse. Students will work through Rider levels at their own speed. Rider testing will be available on request. Semi-private, private and group lessons, limited number of schooling horses available. Call Charlene at 724-2560.

August 12 to 14 - Cattle Show

August 27 - Annual AEF Permit Summer Horse Show, Western and English classes, Junior and Senior divisions with Hi Point awards. Start time 9 a.m.

For more information, call Charlene Baker at 724-2560.

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Sponsored by Elk Point 4-H Multi-Club
In Celebration of the International Year of the Family
Advance Tickets \$5.00; Family Passes \$22.00
Available from 4-H Members or call 724-4317

Know more

Albertans are talking about the planned cuts to Public Education!

In every town, village, city, and farm, people are debating the impact of the overnight cuts planned for Public Education.

Over coffee, across backyard fences, in boardrooms and living rooms, we're all scratching our heads and wondering why such dramatic cuts are being made so quickly.

Why put at risk the Public Education system that took nearly 90 years to build and has evolved into one of the world's best?

Why cut an already-tight system and put generations of our children onto the streets with second-class educations, unable to compete and unable to make the most of themselves?

Why put the very future of our quality of life in Alberta in danger...if our children can't compete when they graduate, who will lead Alberta?

What about the damage?

The provincial government is barrelling towards a \$240 million cut to Public Education but **nobody's talking about the impact!**

The simple fact is that these cuts are being made entirely to reach the noble goal of eliminating the government deficit within an arbitrary period of three years without thought of the long-term damage.

We encourage the process of eliminating the deficit but we must slow it down and make long-term decisions about the type of education we want to provide.

We believe the Public Education system cannot survive a cut of this size without extreme harm to the quality of education...without affecting each and every student in Alberta.

It's easy to criticize but what do we propose? Stop these cuts!

Then let's all work together at a less break-neck speed to search out dollar-saving efficiencies in the system and to define what we want from Public Education.

After all, what's the point of having a balanced budget in 36 months if we've torn down many of the things that make life in Alberta great?

Like quality education for all Alberta children... rural and urban, rich and middle class and poor.

Get the facts and speak up!

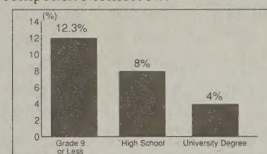
Here are just a few facts about Public Education in Alberta:

Myth #1.

"We spend all this taxpayer money on Public Education and what do we get back? Nothing!"

The Facts!

Public Education is an investment NOT just a cost! Giving our children a second-class education today will mean they won't be competitive tomorrow!

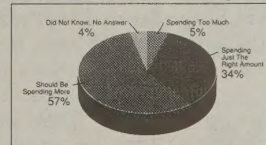


UNEMPLOYMENT BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(Statistics Canada)

Myth #2. "Most Albertans support cuts to Public Education! There's nothing I can do about the cuts even if I wanted to!"

The Facts!

Even the government's own research shows clearly that Albertans see cutting Public Education as cutting our future. The majority **DO NOT WANT CUTS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION!** You can do something about the cuts...Know More about the issues and speak up for Public Education! We can stop these cuts!



IS THE GOVERNMENT SPENDING TOO MUCH, THE RIGHT AMOUNT OR NOT ENOUGH ON PUBLIC EDUCATION?

(Stratix and Environics, conducted for the Government of Alberta, March 1993)

Know more



We're the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Call 1-800-567-KNOW
for the facts and then speak up for Public Education!

This ad was created by people educated in Alberta.



FAMINE SURVIVORS - F. G. Miller High students Cory Rogers, Russell Dale, Nathan Harper, Wanda Hiron, Amanda Korpan, Carrie Rogers, Bret Holthe, Jeff Hodder, Amanda Boorse and Doug Wakaruk, along with coordinator Elaine Ziomek, raised \$539 to help alleviate famine in third world countries, by going without food for 30 hours this weekend. Special thanks to Ray Danyluk and Wayne Hymanyk for the basketball pointers and to Val Goulet for the Line Dancing lessons which helped pass the hungry hours.

Health region collaborates to maximize care level, lower costs

Caritas Health Group and the recently formed East Rural Health Region announced Monday that they have entered into a collaborative relationship that will improve the access for rural Albertans living east of Edmonton to specific health care programs and services, and at the same time, help save moner for Alberta's health care system.

The East Rural Health Region, made up of hospitals in Elk Point, Islay, Mannville, Myrnam, Vermilion and Wainwright and the Minburn - Vermilion Health Unit, will begin working closely with Caritas' Edmonton General, Misericordia, and Grey Nuns Hospitals in areas including women's health, orthopedics, palliative care and mental health. Residents in the areas served by these hospitals will soon see physicians, nurses and other health care workers helping to provide specialized services in their region. As well, rural residents will have improved access to Caritas facilities, programs and services in Edmonton.

"By entering into this collaboration we are formalizing a relationship that has existed for some time. Many residents in areas east of Edmonton have received treatment at our hospitals following referrals from their local hospitals," said Gerry Heibert, president and CEO of Caritas Health Group.

"By working more closely with the East Rural Health Region, we can help bring some forms of specialized care

closer to people when they need it. This keeps costs down because the services and programs are provided when and as needed. Costly new facilities and technology are not required, and there are no additional staff required. This keeps costs down and the quality of care up," he added.

The East Rural Health Region began looking at establishing a formalized relationship with an urban hospital earlier this year. The Region recognized that the 40,000 residents served by the six hospitals could benefit from closer ties with an urban hospital. Through a relationship of this kind, residents will have programs and services come to them, or they will have better access to the things they need in urban hospitals.

Included in the proposed collaboration are plans to create a regional structure that would see each of the six area hospitals and the local health unit deliver programs and services for all residents in the area, and have physicians from Caritas hospitals provide expertise and leadership in each area, making effective use of existing facilities and cutting down on the number of referrals to urban hospitals.

Both organizations see this relationship strengthening their ongoing efforts in community orientation and their ability to meet the needs of the communities in the most cost effective manner, something that has been empha-

sized in recent Alberta government recommendations on the redesign of the health care system.

Caritas Health Group currently employs more than 4000 people in its delivery of community oriented, patient focused health care through three of Edmonton's hospitals: Edmonton General, Misericordia and Grey Nuns. Through its member hospitals, Caritas provides a range of inpatient and outpatient services in acute and long term care. Caritas is also active in innovative medical research and health care education, in nursing, medicine and related disciplines.

Bantams win series

Elk Point Bantam Elks won an exciting two game, total point series against Fort Saskatchewan by a single point to advance to the next level of 'A' Provincial playoffs.

The win looked unlikely after the first game, February 20, which Fort Saskatchewan won 5 - 2. However, the second game was a different story, with a very exciting 10-6 victory in Elk Point for a 12-11 total in the Elks favor.

They will now take on St. Paul's AA team, with the first game in St. Paul and the second here in Elk Point. Watch for posters as to date and time, and come cheer the boys on!

ELK POINT & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

SNOWMOBILE RALLY

Saturday, March 5/94 - Stoney Lake Hall

Registration 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per Card

For More Information Call



John at 724-4158 days or 724-2416 evenings



County of St. Paul No. 19

NOTICE

OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL 1994

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the County of St. Paul, made under the provisions of the Municipal Taxation Act, Chapter M-31 has been prepared and will for thirty (30) days be open to inspection at the office of the County Administrator during business hours and that any person who desires to object to the entry of his/her name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessed value placed upon any property must, within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, lodge his/her complaint in writing to the County Administrator of the Municipality.

Dated this 1st day of March 1994.

Mailing Address: Office of the County Administrator
St. Paul County No. 19
5015-49 Ave.
St. Paul, Alberta
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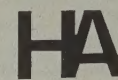
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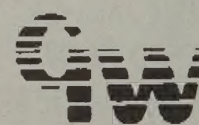
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Resumes will be accepted until March 15, 1994.

What's News at the Library?

This is Freedom to Read week



Michele Ducek
Librarian

The second in our monthly Wednesday night gatherings will be on March 30, 1994 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This one is called **CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION**. Bring your current craft project to the library for some uninterrupted work time and conversation with fellow crafters. No phones, no doorbells, no kids caterwauling in the background. So bring that baby afghan your're making for your best friend's new baby. You know, the one who will be starting university in the fall. I'll bring the scarf I'm knitting. I hope to have it done by July.

February 28 to March 7 is **FREEDOM TO READ WEEK** in Canada. This is an annual event to observe intellectual freedom. During this week, the library will have a

display of materials that have been challenged, banned and censored in the past, and are currently being challenged in both school and public libraries. You may be surprised at some of the items, many of which are in the library.

William Shakespeare has come under fire, not only in modern times, but in the past as well. **The Merchant of Venice** has been challenged several times for anti-Semitism. Queen Elizabeth I ordered a scene in which the king was deposed, to be cut from all copies of **Richard II**. From 1788 until 1820, **King Lear** was banned from the stage in England - in deference to George III who experienced bouts of insanity.

Mickey Mouse comics were banned in East Germany in the 1950s because Mickey was an "anti-red rebel."

Jack London novels were burned by the Nazis in Germany.

Alice in Wonderland was banned in Hunan province in the 1930s because it was believed it was wrong for animals to use human language.

DID YOU KNOW?

On October 19, 1739 Eng-

land went to war with Spain. One of the reasons was the mistreatment of British subjects by the Spanish, more specifically, the treatment of a British sailor named Jenkins who had his ear cut off by a member of the Spanish coast guard. The war became known as "The War of Jenkins' Ear." I got a paper cut from an American magazine once. Maybe we can declare war on the U.S.

Church Services

Elk Point Baptist Church

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service; Evening Services - Alternately held at the Heritage Lodge & Hospital; Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study (Child Care Provided).

United Church of Canada

Elk Point

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Wednesday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Church Service; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School.

Bible Fellowship Church

Clandonald

Services held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St. Michael's

Catholic Church

Sunday Mass, 12:00 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park

Sunday Worship Services, 10:00 a.m.

St. Vladmirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church

(Elk Point)

For Service times, call 645-5156
St. Paul or 724-4351, Elk Point.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS BOOK - Daphne Schnurer of Elk Point Community Services presents librarian Michele Ducek with a binder of information designed to facilitate community groups working together.

Youth talent quest March 18

Talents of young rural Albertans are being showcased this month in a series of Youth Talent Quest shows from which the winners will advance to the Klondike Days Youth Talent Quest, July 25 to 30. Elk Point's F. G. Miller High School is hosting one of these preliminary shows on Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m.

Entry forms are now available at local high schools and at Home Town Grocers in Elk Point. Only the first 20 entries, which have paid the \$10 entry fee, will be accepted. Schools will date the entries

as received. An entry can be for vocal, instrumental, dance or variety, with a maximum of 4 people per entry. Performances must be 4 minutes or less in duration. Contestants must be between 13 and 21 years of age inclusive. Judging will be on technique and showmanship.

The winner of the local show will receive a \$100 cash prize, while the runner-up will receive \$50. Both will be invited to compete in the Edmonton Northlands Youth Talent Quest at Klondike

Days. Each contestant will receive a certificate for a medium pizza, compliments of Dave's Pizza, Elk Point. There will also be a draw from among the contestants for a free portrait sitting and proofs, compliments of Higgins Photography, Elk Point.

The Youth Talent Quest is sanctioned by Edmonton Northlands and CFCW Radio, and is sponsored by the Elk Point Thunder Midgets and the Elk Point Bantam hockey team. A teen dance will follow the show.

Elk Point Further Education news

BROWN BAG SESSIONS started last week with a session on volunteering. Coming up, we have a lineup of interesting topics which you can pursue during your lunch hour. Tomorrow's session (March 2) helps you cope with stress by **Progressive Muscle Relaxation**, while on March 9, Tova Hellquist will explore ideas for **Cooking for One or Two**. March 23 is Billie Milholland and Sherry Pelech's **Salute To Spring** with a special lunch. March 30 will help you get ready for Easter with creative **Origami Bunnies**.

Get out and dance away those winter doldrums at our **Texas Style Dancing** course, March 1 to 25.

Beginner's Serger is a weekend workshop, March 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. and March 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Note the change of date for these courses: **Braided Rugs** is now March 15 from 7 to 10

p.m.; **Zig Zag Diamond Quilt** is now March 21 and 28, April 11 and 19; **Victorian Lady** goes March 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. and **Stained Glass Quilting** takes place March 29 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Farmers! The **Farmer Pes-**

ticide Certification Course is coming up March 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Get the kinks out with **Basic Massage**, March 23 and 30 from 7 to 10 p.m.

For more information, call Verona Lea at 724-4101.

Business Directory

DR. ALEX STEWART "Chiropractor"

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COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. ...

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital. ...

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Old Courthouse, west door, Elk Point. ...

"Welcome Package" available for newcomers moving into the town of Elk Point. If you would like to receive a package, please call Elk Point Community Services at 724-3800. ...

Recycle Your Paper - Paper trailer is located at the Universal Bottle Depot - 5214 Railway Avenue. We take newspapers, flyers, computer and bond paper. No cardboard boxes milk or egg cartons, phone books or glossy magazines. Please sort and bundle with string or put in cardboard boxes. ...

Elk Point Public Library - Mon. - CLOSED; Tues. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Storytime - Fri. at 10:30 a.m. Photocopies. Extended library services and reliable information sources. Public meeting space available to non-profit organizations at no charge. Please call the Elk Point Library for booking at 724-3737. ...

The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre. ...

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527. ...

Elk Point Olettes regular meeting is the first Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036. ...

Farmer's Market and Garage Sale - New and old. Fridays 12 noon - 4 p.m. in the Peter Fidler Centre, 51 St. and 49 Ave., Elk Point. Tables are \$5. To book a table call Lois 724-3823 or Sharon 724-3803. ...

The Elk Point Support Group - meets on the 1st and 3rd Mon. of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Rm. 604. More info: 724-2203 or 724-2380. ...

La Leche League meets every second Thursday of the month in the North Eastern Health Unit at 7:00 p.m. Contact 724-4491. ...

Adoption Support Krew meets the 2nd Monday of every month at Social Services Bldg., St. Paul from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 724-3031. ...

ELITE THEATRE

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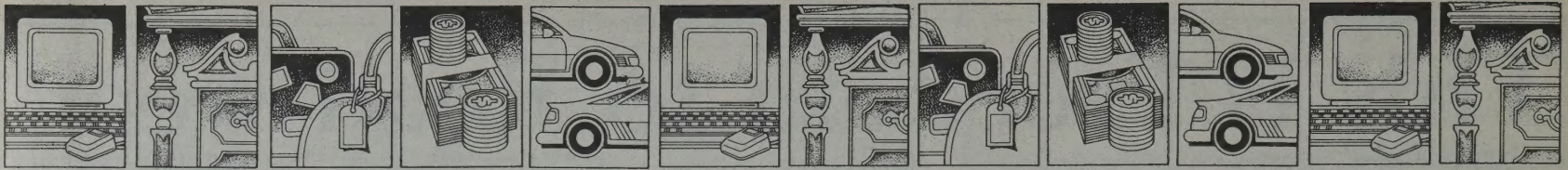
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20 clues to rural community survival

Last week, we looked at ten clues to rural community survival. Here's a look at the remaining ten!

11. Acceptance of Women in Leadership Roles: Women hold positions of leadership in these rural communities which extend beyond their traditional strongholds. They are: elected as mayors, hired to manage health care facilities, develop entrepreneurial ventures, and elected as presidents of chambers of commerce.

12. Strong Belief in and Support for Education: Good schools are a point of pride and a stable employment force, and rural community leaders are very aware of their importance. Residents want their children to get the best education they can afford. Plus, the school is often a center of social activity and sporting and other school events are well-attended.

13. Problem-Solving Approach to Providing Health Care: Local health care is a common concern in rural communities, but strategies for health care delivery vary, depending on community needs. One community decides a doctor in town is important; another focuses on emergency medical services; another invests in hospital-based services. Also, health care programs of some kind are often viewed as essential to the community's health.

14. Strong Multi-Generational Family Orientation: These are family-oriented communities, with activities often built around family needs and ties. The definition of family is broad, however, and includes the younger and older generations plus newcomers to the community. In one community, a resident said everyone is considered to be a cousin shortly after their arrival.

15. Strong Presence of Traditional Institutions that are Integral to Community Life: Churches represent perhaps

the strongest force in this regard and community activities often include or are centered in the church. Schools play a similar role. Service clubs retain a strong influence which is felt in community development and in social activities.

16. Sound and Well-Maintained Infrastructure: Rural communities understand the importance of traditional infrastructures, (streets, sidewalks, water and sewer facilities) and they work hard to maintain and improve them. Many are worried about the need for outside funding to help keep up and wonder whether it will be available to them in the future.

17. Careful Use of Fiscal Resources: Frugality is a way of life in successful small communities and expenditures are made carefully. The people aren't afraid to spend money when they believe they should and the things are built to last; but neither are they spendthrifts. Expenditures are seen as investments in the future of the community.

18. Sophisticated Use of Information Resources: Rural community leaders are knowledgeable about their communities beyond the knowledge base available in the community. In one town, retail sales histories from the university were studied for trend information; in another census data was used to study population change; another community used computers to keep people up to date on financial matters.

19. Willingness to Seek Help from the Outside: Successful rural communities actively seek outside help and many demonstrate their success at competing for government grants and contracts for economic development, water and sewer systems, recreation, street and sidewalk improvements, and senior citizen programs.

20. Conviction that, in the Long Run, You Have to Do It Yourself: Although outside help is sought when appropriate, thriving small communities believes their destiny is in their own hands. They do not wait for someone else to save them nor do they believe "things will turn out" if they sit back and wait. Making their communities good places to live for a long time to come is a pro-active assignment and they willingly accept it.

Source: Community Connection (January 1994)

4-H Multi Club hosts speak-off

Elk Point 4-H MultiClub hosted their 1994 Public Speaking competition on Sunday, February 27, with a good crowd of families and friends on hand to cheer the speakers on. Carrie Piotrowski and David Yuschyshyn shared the MC duties, and gave a brief 4-H history of each speaker.

Five Senior speakers and six Juniors, plus one Senior demonstration, made up the program. Dorothea Naber topped the Senior category to receive the Alberta Treasury Branch award, presented by Gail Havener. Robyn Danyluk was the Senior runner-up. Claudia Naber received the Elk Point Review's Junior championship trophy for the second consecutive year and her third time in four years. Peter Danyluk and Kyle Bintz tied for runner-up.

Dorothea's winning speech told the history of "A Great Idea" - the formation and growth of the 4-H worldwide, while her impromptu told what she would do "If I Won A Million Dollars." Robyn told of her adventures at "Camp Goldeye", with an impromptu telling "Why I Don't Wear Boots In The Winter." Other senior speakers and their subjects (impromptus in brackets) were James Babenek, "Downhill Skiing" ("Learning to Drive"); David Naber, "Saving Our Water" ("Computers"); Bruce Smith, "My Steer" ("A Trip I'd Like To Take").

Claudia pleased the judges with a knowledgeable speech on "Donkeys" and a warm look at "My Grandma." Peter's reflections on "Canada's Favorite Sport" were fol-

lowed with an impromptu on "Grandfathers," while Kyle gave a humorous account of the "1993 Elk Point Wagon Train," with an impromptu on "My Family." Other Junior speakers were Amanda Korpman, "The Manatee" ("My Favorite Food"); Amanda Wirsta, "Horses" ("I Like Babies Because..."); and Taralee Babenek, "Sea Turtles" ("Kindergarten").

A few extra impromptu speeches added to the excitement. Albert Naber spoke on the problems of "Teenagers and Telephones," Gail Havener addressed the issue of "Kids," Stephen Montgomery said he likes "Snow," and Ray Danyluk kept within the 2 minute limit with his reflections on "If AGT Put Charges on Local Calls." Eight year old Nicole Havener told an excellent story on "Max, Our Dog." The International Year of the Family was recognized with the use of three family judging teams, Terri and Gerry Ehler, Cathryn and Doug Linqvist and Bridget and Stephen Montgomery, while Joanne Bepalko and Vicki Brooker were the timers. Mrs. Bepalko also served as Teller, along with Linda Piotrowski.

Gail Havener presented three Awards of Excellence for long time 4-H members. Carrie Piotrowski and Robyn Danyluk received Silver awards, while Linda Piotrowski accepted a Gold award on behalf of her son Richard.

Ruth Vogel was also on hand, and presented the 1993 Senior Project Book award to Carrie Piotrowski.



ALL IN THE FAMILY - Dorothea Naber (second from left) and sister Claudia took home the trophies from the 1994 Elk Point 4-H Multi Club Speak-off. Robyn Danyluk (left) was the Senior runner up, while her brother Peter (far right) and Kyle Bintz tied for Junior runner-up.



HOW IT'S DONE - Tim Havener demonstrates the fine art of playing chess to the Speak-off audience, including MC David Yuschyshyn (centre) and two anonymous fans who came to cheer the speakers on.

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